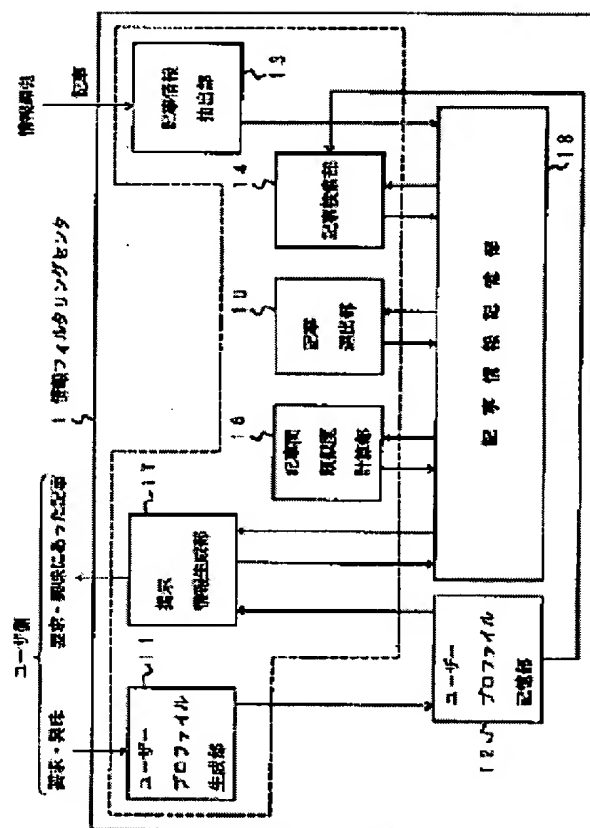


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SOLUTION: Inside an information filtering center 1, an interarticle similarity degree calculating part 16 is provided for calculating the degree of similarity between articles, and the existence of overlapped articles is investigated by this inter-article similarity degree calculating part 16. One of article groups consisting of the overlapped articles is selected as an article to be presented for the user and the other articles are excluded. In this case, the information concerning the excluded articles is added to the selected article as related article information and sent to the user. Therefore, the relation between the articles provided to the user can be presented for the user and the user can effectively utilize the transmitted article.



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